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and provides some finality certification. Number 5 limits faxed candidates' filings to those that file in the Secretary of State's office. And I want to say just a word here. I think the Secretary of State has been very clear on this when he's come before the Government Committee. Faxed filings are going to be for the convenience of candidates. They will still have to have their faxes in to the Secretary of State's office by five o'clock. And if their fax doesn't transmit and the Secretary of State doesn't receive it, it's the responsibility of the candidate, not the Secretary of State. It has to be in his hands by five o'clock on filing deadline day. Number six clarifies language on who may petition onto a nonpartisan ballot for the general election. And Senator Crosby says thank you. This was in her bill and my bill originally. We put it in LB 764 because we knew this was going to be a committee bill and we wanted to make sure that it got heard. This just clears that language up a bit and says that current law, which permits a registered voter to petition on to the general ballot in nonpartisan races and bypass the primary, this would limit their ability to petition unless there is a vacancy. Number seven simply restores language regarding Secretary of State and objections to candidate filings. And with that brief explanation, I'd be glad to answer questions.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Vrtiska. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I just stand to support Senator Schimek's amendment because I think it makes LB 764 more complete. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: There are no further lights on. Senator Schimek, you have a closing?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Just a point of clarification. Staff tells me I should say that when that election commissioners office is vacant or when the term has ended, which is probably the same thing, but just for clarification. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: All those in favor of adoption of 2105 vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Schimek's